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Dear Sarah,

As you may recall from when you were here, my office has been something of a disaster area since the last of my post-operative complications. In another of the endless efforts to clean the accumulations up today I came on some CIA records I got about a month ago and didn't file for a reason I didn't remember. I've copied the first and third pages of one of the records it then disclosed to me, meaning about six months ago, that it had generated internally as it assessed the Garrison mishmash.

When the Johns were last here one of them said that Phil Melanson had told them that I expressed a high opinion of his The Murkin Conspiracy. I told them in response only that I had not discussed his book with Phil and that I had never expressed any such opinion of it.

I had read and annotated it before they were here that time, however, and to the best of my recollection I've given a copy of my memo to only two college professor friends both of whom teach assassinations courses.

I write you because as you'll remember my last letter was returned from England after some delay. I write because I believe they asked me about one Jules Kimble and that I told them I believe he is a phony, a fraud. I may have given them an FBI record or two, I don't recall, although I do recall searching that file and making copies.

I can't now check the book because I gave it to Hood College, where all my materials will go and so that it can now be available to students there. (It is a fine, small local college one all-girls and now virtually that.) But I believe that Melanson also made a big thing out of Kimble as CIA in Canada. It is for this reason that I enclose these two pages, the first to identify the source and the second because it says that at Headquarters the CIA has nothing at all on Kimble.

The DCS referred to is the New Orleans office of the CIA's Domestic Contact Service, the part that deals with the public. It also had an operations office there at least then, whether or not now, I don't recall whether a base or a station. It appears that Kimble was unknown to N.O. DCS.

I have known the CIA to lie to itself where that was relatively safe, as its Office of Security did to its general counsel when he asked it about records on me. It told him it had none but I later got one of its internal records disclosing the fact that it had two files on me! But it was seriously concerned about the allegations about it that Garrison was making. This was the purpose for the series of memos some of which it disclosed to me and others, to assess these allegations and consider what if anything to do about them. I cannot imagine that under those conditions, given the possibility of serious harm from lying to the top people, including the director and general counsel, that it would lie about Kimble.

Besides, I began believing him to be a phony!

It may now be too late if the Johns have used any of the Kimble stuff, but in the event they did, I write this in haste and will drive into town and mail it so it can get out tonight. We have outgoing mail here in the country only in the morning when the mail is delivered.

Best to you all,
Harold Weisberg

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